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REMARKS

Claim 1 is the sole pending claim.

The only outstanding rejection of claim 1 is based on obviousness-type double patenting over US 6,322,770.

Without commenting on the appropriateness of the rejection, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer, thereby overcoming the rejection.

Applicants note that they are concurrently filing a Notice of Appeal to keep the case from going abandoned. However, Applicants submit that the claim is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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